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For. SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH SURGE PROTECTIVE COMPONENT AND
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

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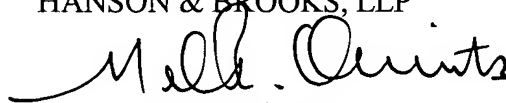
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